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Next-Generation Anxiety Treatment



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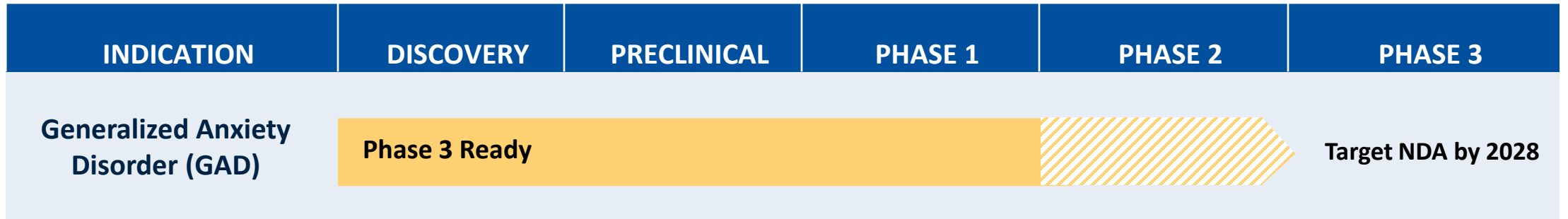
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- GRX-917 is a deuterated analog of an anxiety drug shown to be safe and effective
- GRX-917 is a potentially superior treatment for anxiety:
 - Rapid onset and potential gold-standard efficacy
 - Without sedation, ataxia, cognitive impairment
 - No addiction liability
- Phase 2/3 ready – approval for GAD projected by 2028
- Additional indications include depression, epilepsy, pain and obesity
- U.S. patent exclusivity through at least 2042

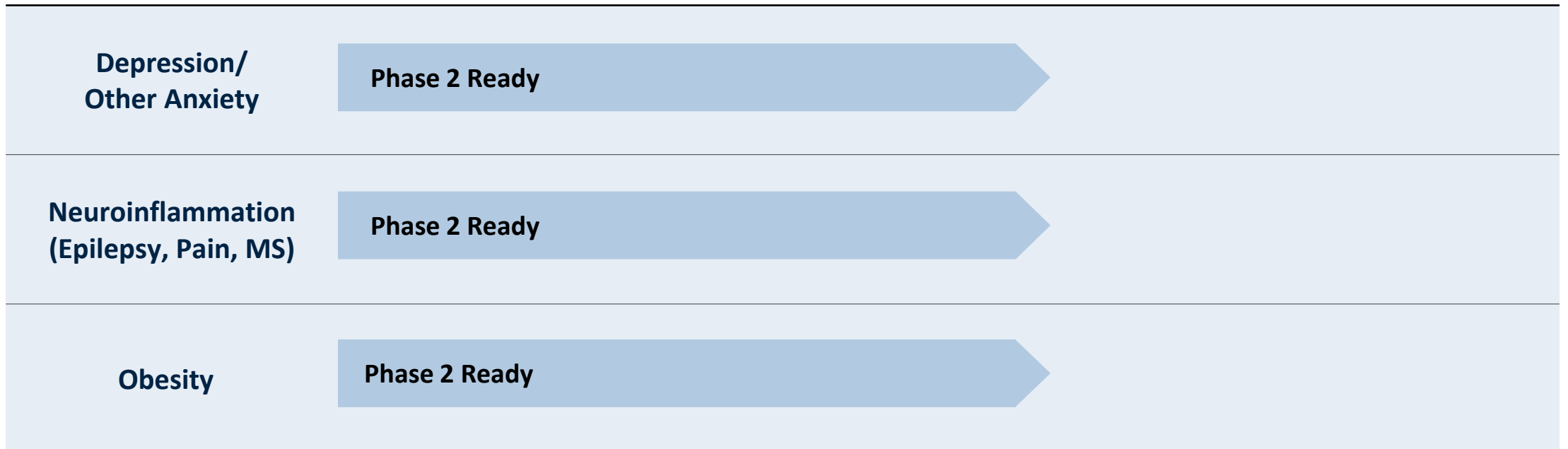
✓	Target Engagement
✓	Pharmacokinetics (PK)
✓	Safety
✓	Efficacy
✓	Commercial Differentiation

GRX-917: Pipeline-in-a-Drug

Ready to start clinical trials in multiple indications

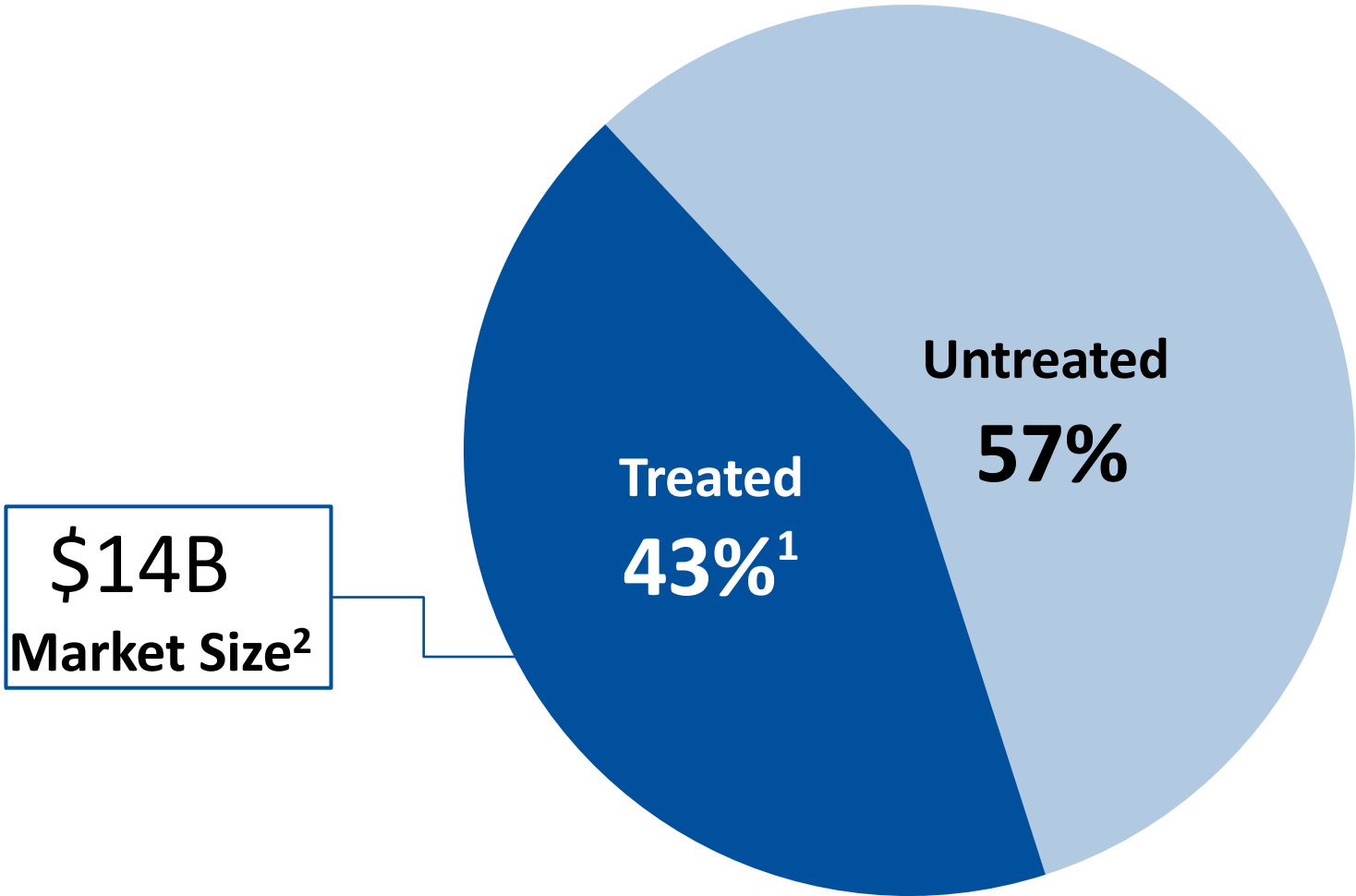


Potential Future Indications¹



¹Supported by MOA and preclinical data

Most GAD Patients Don't Receive Treatment



¹Anxiety and Depression Association of America (2024)

²Global Anxiety Market: IMS, per Foster Rosenblatt Market Research

GRX-917 vs. Current Available Treatments

Key Attributes	GRX-917	SSRIs/SNRIs	Benzodiazepines
Rapid Onset	✓	4-8-week delay	✓
Efficacy	✓	Inferior	✓
Side Effects	✓	GI, sexual dysfunction, insomnia, weight gain	Sedation, ataxia, impaired cognition
Addiction Liability	✓	✓	X
Chronic Usage	✓	✓	X

GRX-917 Is Deuterated Etifoxine

Stresam[®] *Etifoxine*

TID

- A safe, fast and effective anxiety medication
- Approved in France (1979)
- Substantial patient exposures¹
- 100+ published studies

*Improved PK
via deuteration*

GRX-917 *Deuterated etifoxine*

QD

- Identical MOA
- Comparable safety & efficacy
- Potentially improved compliance
- New chemical entity

¹Based on management's extrapolation of 2000 - 2012 scripts in France (Source: IQVIA)

Deuterium Switch Strategy Has a Strong Track Record of Success


Successful Outcomes from Deuterated Products






(deutetrabenazine)
6 mg, 9 mg, and 12 mg tablets

~\$1.6B¹
2024 est.





(deucravacitinib) 6 mg tablets

\$240M²
2024 est.





(Vanzacaptor/Tezacaptor/Deutivacaptor)

FDA Approved
Dec 2024





PHARMACEUTICALS

\$3.2B
2015





pharmaceuticals

\$3.5B
2014





Pharmaceuticals Inc.*
D-atazanavir

\$1B+
2009

Deuteration can:

- ✓ Improve drugs
- ✓ Minimize risk in product development

¹Per Teva FY 2024 Guidance

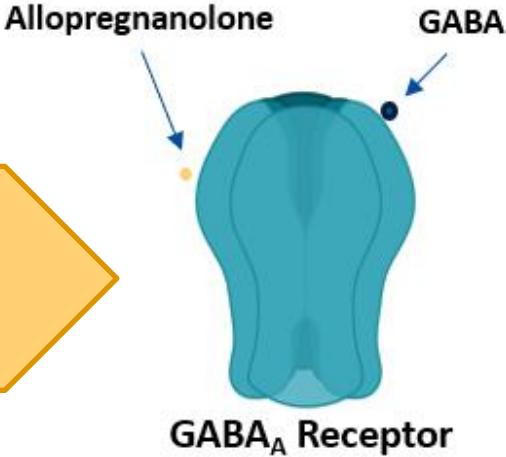
²Per broker consensus projections (Source: FactSet)

Novel Mechanism of Action

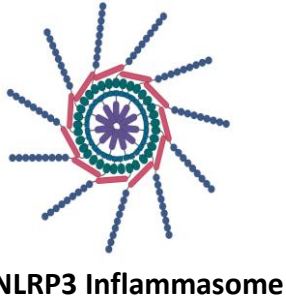
GRX-917/etifoxine increase neurosteroid synthesis¹



Neurosteroids modulate receptors²
(anxiety, depression, epilepsy)



Neurosteroids inhibit NLRP3 inflammation³
(epilepsy, MS, pain, obesity)



¹do Rego JL et al (2015) PLoS ONE 10(3): E0120473 ; internal data

²Lambert et al (2003) Prog Neurobiol 71(1); 67-80.

³Osmond et al (2023)

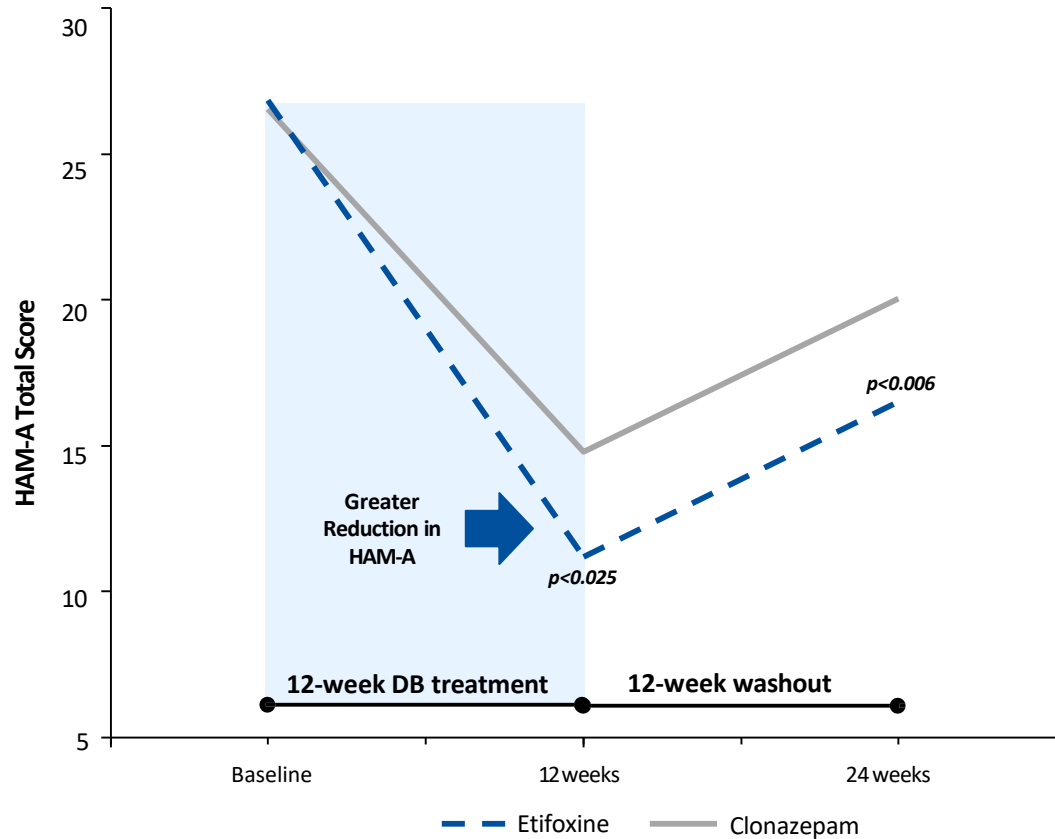
Etifoxine's Anxiolytic Efficacy is Well-Established

Date	Clinical Study	Reference	N	Duration	Cohort	HAM-A	CGI scale	Result	
1	1978	ETX vs Clobazam	S.132/GB	26	Not Available	Anxiety ¹	ETX = > Clobazam ²	Marketing Authorization (France)	
2	1978	ETX vs Clobazam	S.134/GB	20	Not Available	Anxiety ¹	ETX = > Clobazam ²	Marketing Authorization (France)	
3	1978	ETX vs Sulpiride vs Placebo	S.135/GB	23	Not Available	Anxiety ¹	ETX = > Sulpiride & Placebo ²	Marketing Authorization (France)	
4	1978	ETX vs Clobazam	S.137/GB	69	Not Available	Anxiety ¹	ETX = > Clobazam ²	Marketing Authorization (France)	
5	1978	ETX vs Placebo	S.139/GB	24	Not Available	Anxiety ¹	ETX = > Placebo ²	Marketing Authorization (France)	
6	1998	Etifoxine vs Buspirone	STRETI S.226/GB	170	31 days	ADWA	ETX > Buspirone	ETX > Buspirone	Superior efficacy to Buspirone
7	2006	Etifoxine vs Lorazepam (Ativan®)	ETILOR S.392/EN	191	28 days	ADWA	ETX = LZP (Ativan®)	ETX > LZP (Ativan®)	Comparable onset and efficacy to Lorazepam
8	2010	Etifoxine vs Phenazepam	Aleksandrovsky ³	90	6 weeks	Adaption Disorder	ETX > Phenazepam	ETX > Phenazepam	Superior efficacy to Phenazepam
9	2015	Etifoxine vs Alprazolam (Xanax®)	ETIZAL S.650/EN	202	28 days	ADWA	ETX = ALP (Xanax®)	-	Comparable onset and efficacy to Alprazolam
10	2020	Etifoxine vs Clonazepam (Klonopin®)	Vicente ⁴	179	24 weeks	GAD, PD, Phobias ⁵	ETX = Clonazepam (Klonopin®)	ETX = Clonazepam (Klonopin®)	Superior efficacy to Clonazepam
11	2020	Etifoxine vs Lorazepam & Placebo	AMETIS ETI178	623	4 weeks	ADWA	Total HAM-A score reduction similar between ETX, lorazepam, placebo. EMA conclusion: "The decrease in HAM-A score in the etifoxine group was marked and clinically significant (52.6% reduction)."		
12	2022	EMA CHMP Etifoxine Assessment Report	EMA/CHMP 148255/2022	N/A	N/A	All available ETX data	"... the Committee considers that the benefit-risk balance of etifoxine remains favourable..." ETX was re-authorized for anxiety in France in Jan 2022 (29-1 vote).		

1. Various types of anxiety associated with psychological and somatic disturbances in diverse patient populations
 2. "Results generally showed that etifoxine has similar or superior efficacy to active comparators or placebo for treating anxiety" per EMA/148255/2022 CHMP ETX Assessment

3. Aleksandrovsky et al., "Russian Psychiatric Journal"; Therapy of the mentally ill; No. 1; 2010; 74-78 Vicente et al.,
 4. Psychopharmacology 237, 3357–3367 (2020)
 5. Phobias categorized as agoraphobia, social phobia and specific phobias

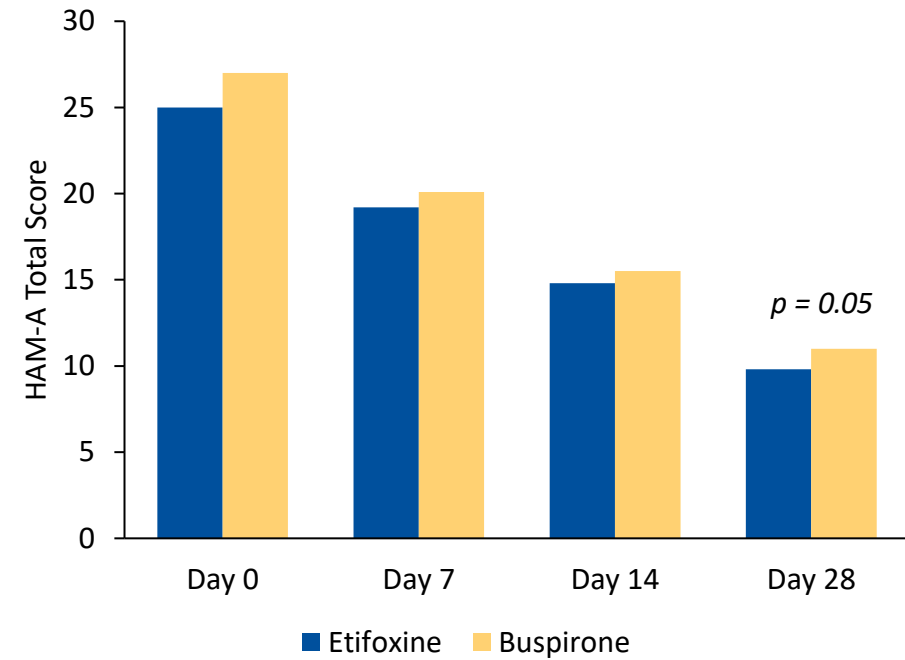
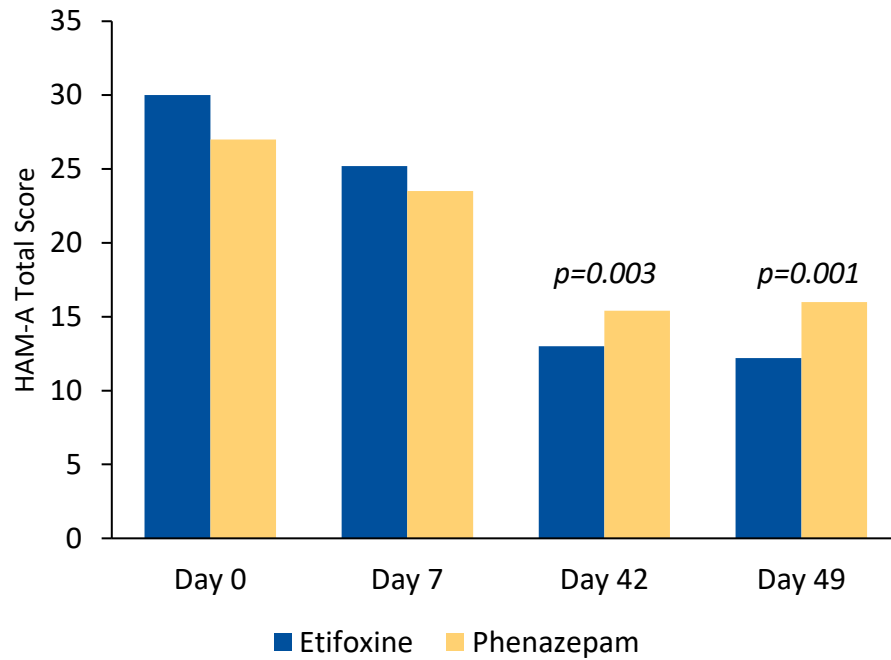
Etifoxine: Superior Efficacy vs. Clonazepam



- Etifoxine demonstrated superior HAM-A reduction vs. clonazepam after 12-week treatment ($p < 0.025$)
- Superior efficacy maintained following 12-week washout ($p < 0.006$)

- [Vicente et al. \(2020\) Psychopharmacology](#)
- Double-blind, parallel, randomized, active controlled study; multiple anxiety disorders including GAD; N=179
- Etifoxine 50 mg TID v clonazepam 1 mg QD; 12-week treatment; 12-week washout

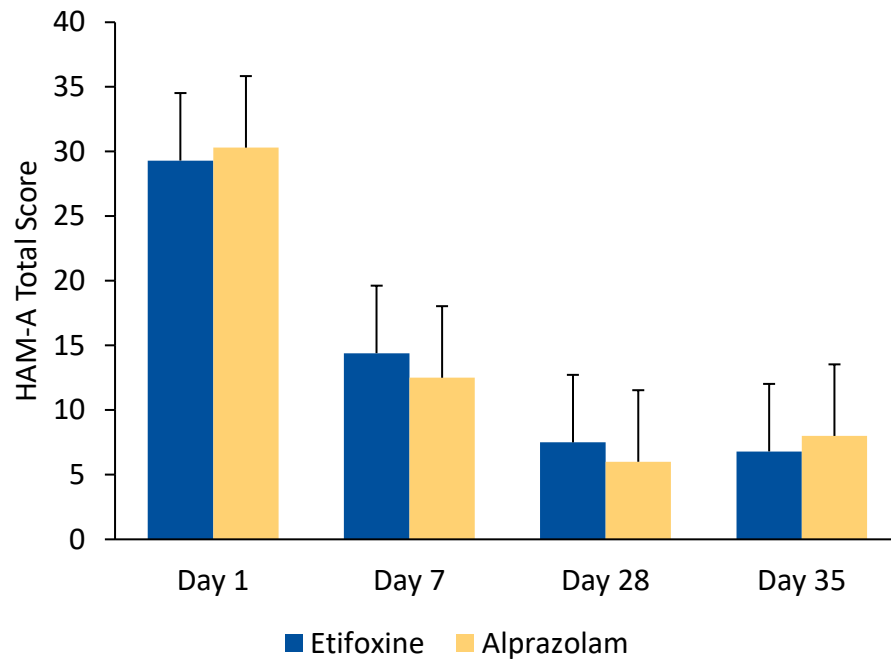
Etifoxine: Superior Efficacy vs. Phenazepam and Buspirone



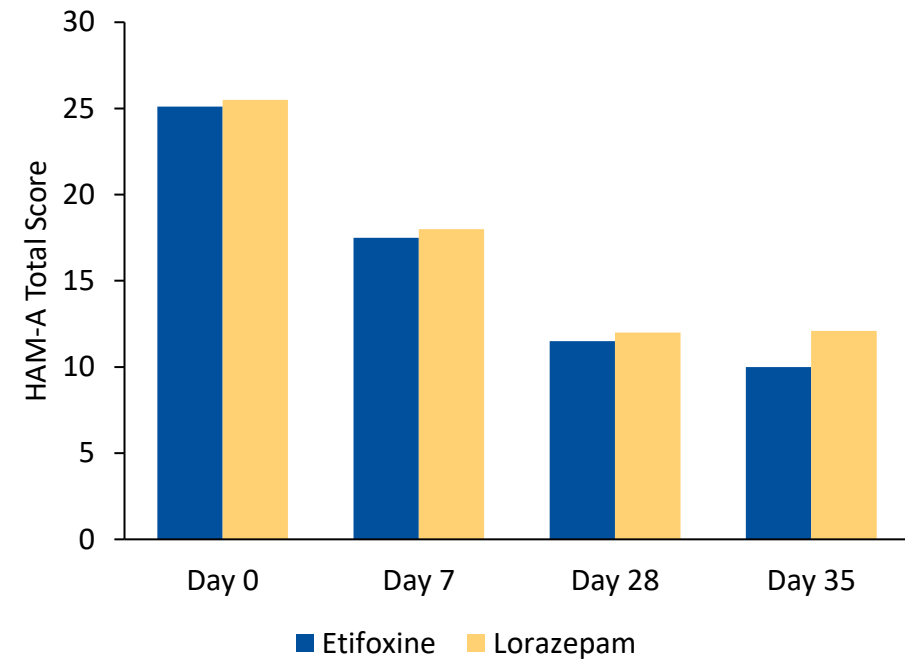
- [Aleksandrovsky et al. \(2010\) Rus Psych J \(1\); 74-78.](#)
- Randomized, parallel, open label, active controlled study; N=90;
- Adjustment Disorders
- Etifoxine (50 mg +100 mg) v phenazepam (0.5 mg BID); 6-week treatment

- [Servant et al. \(1998\) Encephale 24\(6\):569-74.](#)
- Double-blind, parallel, randomized, active controlled; N=170;
- Adjustment Disorder with Anxiety (ADWA)
- Etifoxine (150-200 mg/day) v buspirone (15-20 mg/day); 4-week treatment

Etifoxine: Comparable Efficacy to Leading Benzodiazepines



- [Stein et al. \(2015\)](#); N=202; ADWA
- Double-blind, randomized, parallel, active controlled 4-week treatment
- Etifoxine (150 mg/day) v. alprazolam (1.5 mg/day)



- [Nguyen et al. \(2006\)](#); N=191; ADWA
- Double-blind, randomized; parallel, active controlled 4-week treatment
- Etifoxine (50 mg TID) v lorazepam (2 mg/day)

Etifoxine's Safety Profile is Well-Established

Adverse Event	Comment	Source
Non-Addictive	"No cases of abuse, misuse or pharmacodependence."	Cottin et al ¹ (based on +15M Rx)
No Sedation	No effects on vigilance or psychomotor performance	Micallef et al ²
No Impaired Cognition	No effect on alertness or other cognitive parameters in elderly	Deplanque et al ³
Serious Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs)	Very rare ADRs not consistent with causation (1-2 per +15M Rx)	PV Analysis of Etifoxine Serious ADRs in EudraVigilance Database ⁴

1. Cottin et al., Fundamental & Clinical Pharmacology 30 (2016) 147–152

2. Micallef et al., 2001 Blackwell Science Fundamental & Clinical Pharmacology 15 (2001) 209-216

3. Deplanque et al., European Neuropsychopharmacology (2018) 28, 925-932

4. Kinexum-Pharmacovigilance Analysis of Etifoxine 2023-03-13

Phase 1 Program: GRX-917 vs. Etifoxine

Safe, well-tolerated,
with minimal adverse events

Nervous System Disorders	GRX-917 (n=75)	Placebo (n=25)
Dizziness	4%	4%
Headache	17%	12%
Paresthesia	1%	4%
Somnolence	0%	8%
Ataxia	0%	0%
Lethargy	3%	0%
Cognitive Deficit	0%	0%

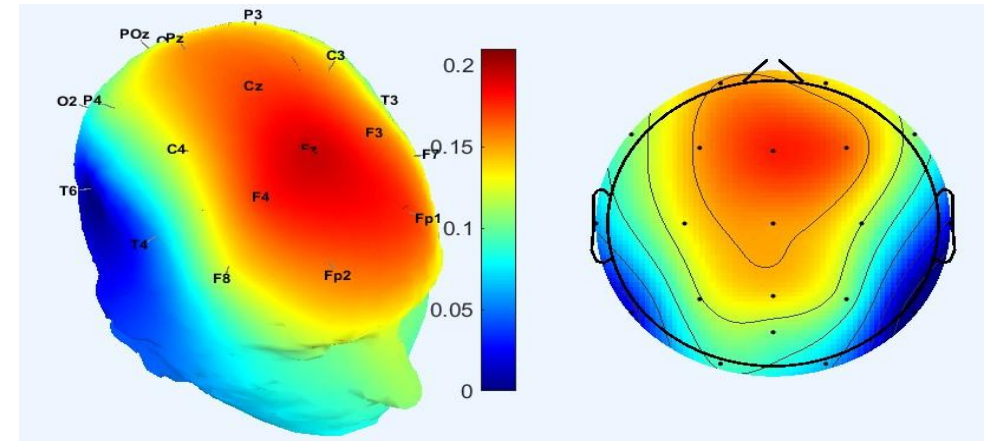
GRX-917 demonstrated improved PK
and once-daily dosing

	Etifoxine	GRX-917
Half-life	4 hours	>12 hours
Daily dose	200 mg	60 mg
Dosing regimen	TID	QD

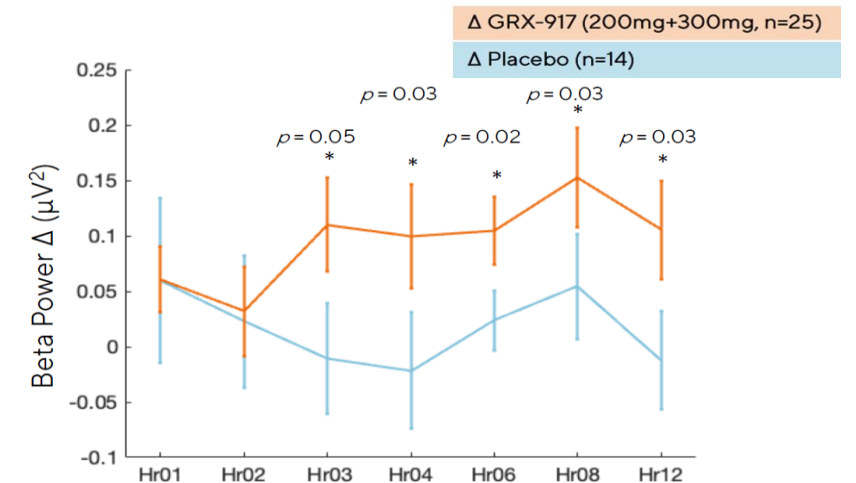
Phase 1: GRX-917 Activates an Established Anxiolytic Biomarker

- GRX-917 increases qEEG Beta Power:
 - Exposure-dependent
 - Dose- and time-dependent
 - Rapid and sustained
- qEEG Beta Power increased signal suggests:
 - GABA_A receptor target engagement
 - Anxiolytic efficacy

GRX-917 Exposure Response Heat Map ($p < 0.0001$)



GRX-917 vs. Placebo ($p < 0.05$)



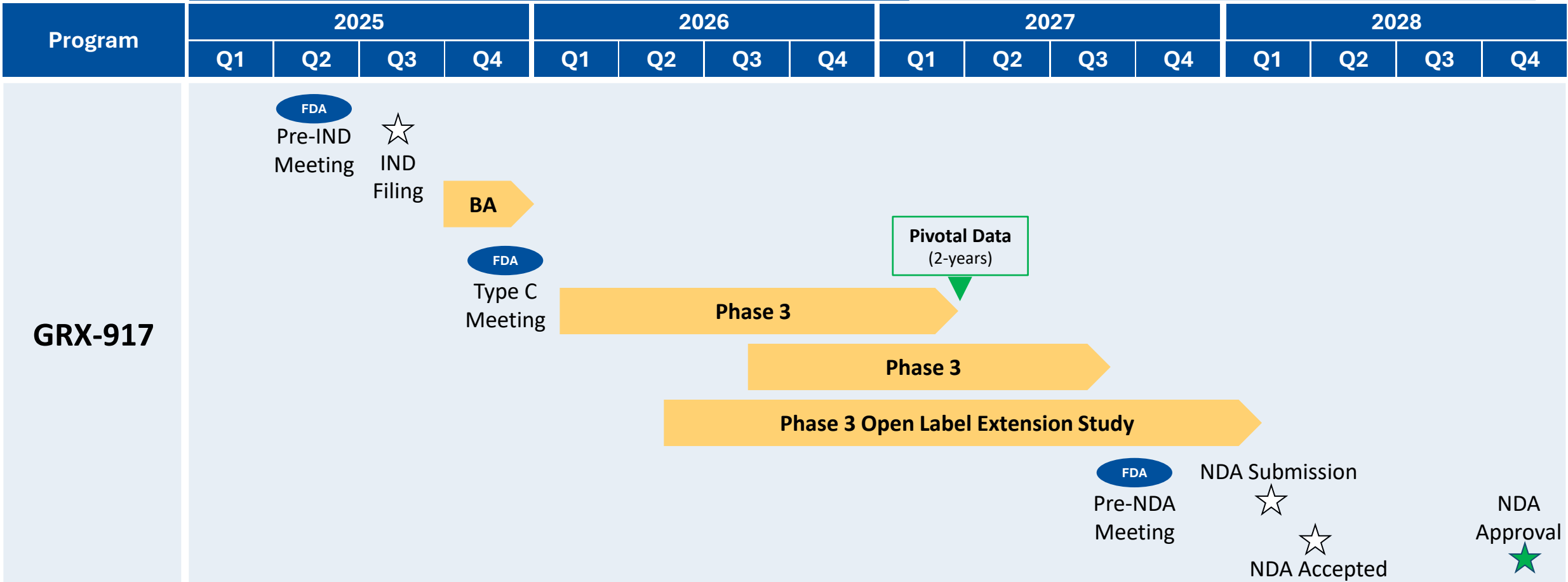
GAD Clinical Program

NDA Projected by 2028

\$121M total

Projected Capital Requirements

\$42M needed to complete 1st Phase 3
\$79M additional needed through FDA approval



FDA meeting FDA Milestone NDA Approval

Capital Requirements and Use of Funds

\$ in millions

Use of Funds	1 st Phase 3 GAD (Q1, 2027)	Total to NDA (est. 2028)
IND Opening Studies	\$4.5	\$4.5
Clinical Trials	\$19.0	\$58.0
Tox & Research	\$4.3	\$10.6
CMC	\$0.6	\$18.2
Regulatory	\$0.5	\$2.5
G&A	\$13.5	\$27.7
Total	\$42.0	\$121.0

All costs supported by vendor quotes

Key Milestones



Accomplished to Date

Phase 1 Etifoxine (Non-deuterated Analog)

- Safety and tolerability
- qEEG biomarker demonstrating anxiolytic efficacy
- PK/dosing benchmarking for GRX-917

Phase 1 GRX-917

- Safety and tolerability
- qEEG biomarker demonstrating anxiolytic efficacy

GRX-917 Oral Formulation

- Phase 2/3 ready

2025

Q2 2025:

- Pre-IND meeting

Q3 2025:

- IND filing

Q4 2025:

- Start bioavailability study
- BA data readout

NIH Preclinical GRX-917 Data

- Pain
- Epilepsy

2026 - 2028

Q1 2026:

- Start 1st Phase 3 pivotal trial

Q3 2026:

- Start 2nd Phase 3 pivotal trial

Q1 2027:

- 1st Phase 3 data

Q3 2027:

- 2nd Phase 3 data

Q1 2028:

- NDA Submission

Intellectual Property Overview

- **Robust IP portfolio with composition patent protection through at least 2036**
- **Potential Hatch-Waxman extensions through 2042**

Composition of matter patent protection in US, Australia, Canada, Brazil, China, EU, UK, Israel, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, with patent pending in India.

Name / Description	Patent	Status	Expiry
Deuterated Analogs of Etifoxine and Methods of Administration Without Autoinduction of Metabolism	U.S. Application No. 18/493,488	Published	10/24/2043
Deuterated analogs of etifoxine, their derivatives and uses thereof	US Patent No. 11,672,805	Issued	3/18/2036
Deuterated analogs of etifoxine, their derivatives and uses thereof	U.S. Patent No. 10,080,755	Issued	3/18/2036
Deuterated analogs of etifoxine, their derivatives and uses thereof	U.S. Patent No. 10,736,901	Issued	3/18/2036
Enantiomerically pure S-etifoxine, pharmaceutical compositions thereof and methods of their use	U.S. Patent No. 8,110,569	Issued	10/1/2027

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